

HONORING MR. CHARLES
MCDOWELL LEE, SR.

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a friend and a great Alabamian, Mr. Charles McDowell Lee, Sr.

Mr. Lee, as he was commonly known, served as Secretary of the Alabama State Senate from 1963 to 2011. At the time of his retirement, McDowell Lee was the longest serving secretary of a legislative body in the entire nation. During my time as a state senator, I grew to know Mr. Lee as a brilliant mind and the unequivocal historian of the Alabama Legislature.

Mr. Lee, a native of Clio, Alabama, graduated from Barbour County High School in 1942 and went on to study at Auburn University. He answered the call of duty during World War II, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters. He then returned to Alabama to finish his education at Troy State Teachers College. After graduating, Mr. Lee was elected mayor of his hometown of Clio, earning the recognition as one of the youngest mayors in the nation.

Mr. Lee was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1954, and he went on to serve in that position for eight years, earning the titles of "Outstanding Freshman" and "Best Debater" by the Alabama Press Association. In 1963, he was selected as Secretary of the Alabama Senate.

He would go on to serve as Secretary of the Senate for 47 years. During that span, Mr. Lee worked with ten different governors and hundreds of state senators. He was known nationally as an expert scholar on parliamentary procedure and received countless state and national awards for his years of public service.

Every morning that the State Senate was in session, a number of other senators and I would gather in Mr. Lee's office to drink coffee and get his input on current events. It was in those candid conversations with Mr. Lee that I truly learned how the State Senate worked and gained a deep appreciation for the unique rules that govern legislative bodies.

In a legislative body where emotions and politics sometimes get the best of us, Mr. Lee provided calm, unbiased leadership and direction. He respected the rules and the institution, and through that each senator quickly grew to respect him.

Mr. Lee passed away on April 17, 2014, at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; his sons Arch, Charles Jr., and Kenneth; his daughters Margaret and Josie Lee; and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. I know his family must miss him very much, but they can find peace in the countless individuals' lives that McDowell Lee improved, mentored, and impacted in his lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I find it only fitting to recognize this great American in this body, the People's House, for his dutiful service to our nation and immense respect for the legislative process.

IN HONOR OF BARBRA MINCH,
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE
WILLIAM F. RYAN COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the people of New York's tenth congressional district in saying a fond farewell to President and CEO of the William F. Ryan Community Health Center, Barbra Minch, as she enters her retirement.

After 35 years of service to the community, Barbra leaves behind an incomparable legacy and has been an immeasurable asset to the community as a whole. The Ryan Center's wonderful contributions would not have been possible without her dedicated service.

Barbra E. Minch has lived and worked in the Upper West Side community for over 42 years. As a single parent raising two children, Ms. Minch has been an advocate for affordable housing and quality public schools, a teacher, and an educational administrator. In 1979, Ms. Minch joined the William F. Ryan Community Health Center as an Administrator, and was soon promoted to Deputy Director. In 1995, she was appointed Executive Director by the Board of Directors, and was then appointed President & CEO in 2001. In this role, Ms. Minch provided leadership to 17 sites throughout Manhattan and has represented the Ryan Center in the Community Health Center movement on a federal and statewide scale, contributing unmatched leadership and philanthropy.

Over the years, I have worked with Barbra on many issues regarding health care on the Upper West Side, in Chelsea and Clinton, and in Lower Manhattan. I have always found her to be irrepressible, creative, energetic, and singularly focused on improving access to quality health care at minimal cost to the low-income people among us. Our community has been blessed by Barbra's energy and dedication for many years, and despite her having trained and put in place a dedicated team to continue her work, we shall sorely miss her continuing contributions.

Ms. Minch has served on the Board of Directors of the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) as First Vice Chair and chaired its Legislative Committee for several years. She is a member of several committees of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), including the Legislative Committee, Credentials Committee, Ethics and Grievance Committee, and Membership and Rules Committees. She is also a member of the Health Care Executive Forum, which advances health care leadership and management. Ms. Minch was the first and only Community Health Center representative on the Board of Trustees of the Job Security Fund of the 1199/SEIU Employment Training and Job Security Program. In 1998, Ms. Minch played an integral role in helping to establish the Coalition to Preserve Access to Community-Based Health Care Providers, which set the stage for direct funding to Community Health Centers from New York State.

Ms. Minch has won many awards in recognition of her excellent work and dedication

including: The Jeffrey T. Latman Award from CHCANYS; the Palma Award as Health Administrator of the Year from the Latino Coalition for Fair Media; and the distinguished John Gilbert Community Healthcare Award of Excellence from NACHC. Most recently, Ms. Minch was inducted into the NACHC Hall of Fame, one of a small group of community health advocates throughout the nation, and the first New Yorker to receive this prestigious award.

Barbra is undoubtedly deserving of all of her commendations, and I hope to offer her another one by wishing her the most sincere congratulations on behalf of myself and my constituents as she finishes a singular career of public service. I wish her the best of luck in everything the future holds for her. I know she will find many more ways to contribute to the lives of residents throughout New York City and beyond. I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Barbra's efforts.

THE BOULAN PARK MIDDLE
SCHOOL INVESTMENT TEAM—
RANKING NINTH IN THE SIFMA
FOUNDATION'S CAPITOL HILL
CHALLENGE

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Investment Team from Boulan Park Middle School for placing ninth in the country in the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Foundation's Capitol Hill Challenge of 2014. The team is comprised of Kevin Li, Rohit Chakravarty, and Jason Song, along with their coach, Mr. Mark Martin.

The students worked diligently on this project. They greatly improved their knowledge of the stock market and the world economic landscape. These students used their own knowledge to earn a 42% return on investment, turning 100,000 dollars into over 142,000 dollars. Additionally, this is the first year in which a middle school team finished in the top 10 nationwide.

I am proud to have sponsored Kevin, Rohit, and Jason. The time and effort they dedicated to this project is beyond impressive. On behalf of the residents of Michigan's 11th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate them on this remarkable achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO EXTEND SECTION 181 OF THE
TAX CODE

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague from Georgia, Congressman DOUG COLLINS, to introduce legislation to extend section 181 of the tax code to continue to allow for the immediate tax write-off of the first \$15 million (or \$20 million where the production is made in a distressed community) of production expenditures for qualifying domestic film and television productions. In addition, our bill